

**MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
UTILITY DIVISION  
AGENDA NO. 97-9-29**

Date Prepared: September 25, 1997

For Work Week Commencing: September 29, 1997

Business Meeting Date & Time: September 29, 1997, 10:00 a.m.

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**Work Sessions** All items identified below are for Commission discussion or action on the day designated (Dan).

1. Montana Universal Access Program - Preliminary discussions of October 1 Oversight Board Meeting (9/29/97 - 10:30 a.m.)
2. AT&T/USWC Docket D96.11.200 - Staff report on the 9/25 technical conference and other matters as necessary (10/1/97)
3. USWC Omnibus Costing/Pricing - Discuss initiating a docket to establish permanent USWC rates for interconnection and unbundled network elements and a permanent wholesale discount rate (10/1/97)
4. MPC Docket D97.2.29 - Discuss/act on final order (10/1/97)
5. USWC Docket N97.8.151 - Discuss tariff filing and USWC's responses to data requests (10/1/97)
6. Weekly Scheduling Meeting - Will be held at 9:45 a.m. on the day of the Business Meeting

**Action Items** All items identified below are for action at the Commission business meeting.

1. MONTANA POWER COMPANY - Docket N97.9.166 (Will)

On September 11, 1997, MPC filed a Real Time Pricing (RTP) agreement with Conoco pursuant to the RTP tariff approved in Docket No. D96.3.33. Pursuant to the stipulation agreement adopted by the Commission in Docket D96.3.33, absent a request for a hearing on a proposed RTP agreement the Commission will approve the agreement. No requests for hearing have been received.

2. US WEST COMMUNICATIONS - Docket N97.9.161 (Bonnie)

On September 2, 1997, US WEST Communications filed Tariff Transmittal 97-30, introducing Uniform Access Solution, a switched DS-1 arrangement offered as an alternative to PBX trunks or DSS, providing a digital connection to the public switched network.



**Notice Items** All items identified below are noticed for public participation purposes. Unless otherwise stated in the text of the notice, the items will be action items on the next following agenda or a subsequent agenda and participation may be had by submitting written comments to the Public Service Commission, 1701 Prospect Avenue, PO Box 202601, Helena, Montana, 59620-2601, within 5 calendar days following publication of this agenda.

1. MCI TELECOMMUNICATIONS - Docket N97.9.171 (Bonnie)

On September 17, 1997, MCI Telecommunications Corporation filed Tariff Transmittal 97-21, proposing changes in the Dial One/Direct Dial usage rates and time of day schedule; changes to the credit card usage rates; deleting Prism III options; and other text changes.

**Information Items** All items identified below are for information only.

USWC Docket D97.7.125 - A Notice of Staff Action granting intervention was served on September 22, 1997.

**Tentative Action Items for Agenda 97-10-6**

Docket N97.9.171 MCI TELECOMMUNICATIONS (Bonnie)

**New Filings Received in Past Week**

N97.9.171 MCI Tariff Filing - Dial One/Direct Dial, Credit Card usage rates

N97.9.172 USLD Communications - Application for Authority to Transfer Control to LCI International, Inc.